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### Man in court charged with 2016 murder of Raja Ali

AN ILFORD man is the latest person to be charged with murder following the death of

Raja Ali more than a year ago.
Haziq Raza, 24, of Meath
Road, Ilford, was arrested on
Monday January 8 and
charged with murder and vio-

He is accused of killing Mr

Ali, 33, in Braintree Road, Dagenham, on Sunday, Dagenham, on September 25, 2016.

He appeared at Barkingside Magistrates' Court on Tuesday, January 9 and was remanded into custody to appear at the Old Bailey on

On Tuesday, January 2,

Navarda Rhooms, 26, of Eton Road, Ilford was also charged with murder and violent disorder in relation to the death of

Rhooms appeared in custody at the Old Bailey on Friday, January 5, where he was remanded for trial on

# END TO LIFE OF GRIME

RIVER Road in Barking has undergone a massive clean-up with more than 1,300 tonnes of grime removed.

Barking and Dagenham Council led a major operation involving teams in refuse and cleansing, street enforcement, parking enforcement, environmental health, Met Police and the Environment Agency.

The operation, which began in October and has now ended, involved cleaning crews and gulley cleansing teams operating three times a week.

The teams cleared 42 tonnes of waste from the streets and pavements and removed 1,300 tonnes of silt and debris from all gullies from the A13 junction to the bottom of River Road.

A parking suspension was put in place to reduce traffic congestion, while street enforcement focused on abandoned vehicles and waste transfer operations. As part of the efforts 12 abandoned cars were removed. The teams also cleared 13



fly-tips from River Road.

Jason Clark, chairman of PEW Electronical Distributors, said: "As a local business we are pleased to see the council tackle the issues in River Road.

"Things have certainly improved

in recent months with the clean-up and removal of abandoned vehicles.

"However, we hope the council will continue to address the issues to not only help local business that are vital for the growth of the bor-ough, but also improve road safety

number of positive results.
"It is important that we continue to monitor any kind of grime crime that is taking place in River Road

area.

and the rest of the borough and I would urge local businesses and residents to use our Wall of Shame if they see anyone committing an offence."

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Councillor Laila Butt, cabinet member for enforcement and com-munity safety, said: "We have lis-

tened to the concerns of local residents and businesses about the situation in River Road and have been

working hard with them to clean up the area. We spent a considerable period addressing environmental issues, street cleanliness and traffic

congestion and have achieved a

The council's wall of shame is an online page where residents can help identify people caught illegally dumping. It can be found at www.lbbd.gov.uk/residents/ enforcement/wall-shame-appeals.

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# Emergency Plummer

ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD (15, 133 mins)

HE removal of Kevin Spacey from Ridley Scott's propulsive thriller has been abducting headlines since early November.

Esteemed replacement Christopher Plummer filmed scenes as oil tycoon John Paul Getty in nine days, leaving Scott and editor Claire Simpson to rework a finished Oscar-tipped picture in a matter of weeks.

Apart from a couple of noticeable joins,

Apart from a couple of noticeable joins, which had to be accomplished with digital trickery, All The Money In The World emerges from a frenetic real-life race against time largely unscathed.

The film is still generating awards buzz and Plummer, 88, is strongly tipped to become the oldest Academy Awards nominee in any acting category for his scene-stealing theatrics.

Based on one version of events surrounding the 1963 kidnapping of 16-year-old John Paul Getty III, Scott's picture sustains dramatic tension with aplomb as David Scarpa's script ricochets between the gang holding the boy hostage and the dysfunctional Getty family.

Michelle Williams teases out the steely resolve of the young Getty's mother, who married into wealth and has to rely on the benevolence of others to save her son.

"You have to give me some time here, I'm fighting an empire," she pleads to one kidnapper.

On July 10 1963, John Paul Getty III (Charlie Plummer) is strolling through night-time Rome, trading pleasantries with prostitutes, when he is snatched off the street by balaclava-clad men. The abductors demand



a \$17million ransom by telephone from the boy's mother, Abigail (Williams).

"I don't have any money," she whimpers.
"Get it from your father-in-law," responds
Cinquanta (Romain Duris). "He has all the
money in the world."

Oil tycoon J Paul Getty (Plummer) refuses to plunder a single cent from his billion-dollar empire, coldly arguing that if he paid a ransom for one grandchild he would set a costly precedent.

Instead, he hires ex-CIA agent and security consultant Fletcher Chace (Mark Wahlberg)



to rescue the boy.

"A hostage negotiation is no place for a woman," snarls the old man.

The hunt criss-crosses the Calabrian hills, culminating in a nerve-wracking race to extricate the teenager from the clutches of crime boss Saro Mammoliti (Marco Leonardi).

Based on John Pearson's book Painfully Rich, All The Money In The World absolves the young Getty of collusion in his own kidnapping.

Scott engineers a stylish and engrossing thriller that makes light work of a robust 133-

minute running time, including a nail-biting, climatic set piece that wilfully ignores historical facts.

The older Plummer stops shy of smacking his lips with impish glee as his miserly mogul treats the hostage negotiation as a business deal, agreeing a reduced ransom that is tax-deductible and won't impact his status as the world's richest man.

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### AK47s and grenades seized in raid on derelict North Ockendon site

A HAUL of weapons and ammunition was discovered by police in a raid on a derelict building in North Ockendon.
Officers found AK47 rifles, a handgun, sawn-off shotgun and a number of bith emploise.

gun, sawn-off snotgun and a number of high explosive grenades hidden in the building in North Road.

The building sits on the border between Havering and Thurrock.

The raid was carried out by the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate with the Ministry of Defense Orderse.

Disposal Unit.
DS Mark Hall said: "This investigation is at an early stage and I am maintaining an open mind as to the origin of these weapons, however, from their condition they may have been in situ for some time. This is a significant seizure and clearly in the wrong hands these weapons could have caused very con-siderable harm. I am very pleased that we have been able to safely recover "The weapons seized will now be subject to detailed forensic and ballistic

"We are continuing to work alongside our partners from the Ministry of Defence's Explosive Ordnance

"I would appeal to anyone with information to contact the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800



**HAUL:** Weapons discovered in the raid

### Council turns to LGBT community

THE LGBT community in Barking and Dagenham has been asked to help shape future support in the borough.

People who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or trans and live, work, or study in the area have been asked to share their experiences with Barking and Dagenham Council.

In a statement the council said: "It is a series of questions designed to help form a picture of life in Barking and Dagenham and influence how local services are designed and delivered to be inclusive and meet the needs of LGBT+ people."

Councillor Sade Bright, cabinet member for equalities and cohesion, said: "This is a great opportunity for members of our LGBT+ community to share their views and influence matters that affect everyone.

"We want to hear your opinions about services

in the borough and where you think there are gaps in service provision or improvements needed that will influence the way services are designed."

As part of a wider project to support LGBT+ needs in the borough, a number of other activities are also taking place.

An LGBT+ community poetry event will be held on January 15, hosted by LGBT poet Laureate.

Focus groups will be held in late January, more details will be released soon. To take part email info@elop.org with focus group in the subject line.

To access the survey visit: http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4053868/Barking-DagenhamLGBTCommunitySurvey.

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### Killer pleads guilty to manslaughter of campaign father of six HAVEN House Children's Hospice is celebrating 15 years

A ROMFORD man has pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of a 58-year-old father of six, beaten to death 50 yards

from his home in Dagenham.

Ben Harper, 21, admitted killing
Clemuth Roberts during a hearing at the Old Bailey on Monday, January 8.

He had denied murder but pleaded guilty to manslaughter at a previous hearing on December 18.

The prosecution accepted his plea and Harper will be sentenced on

Mr Roberts was beaten to death in the street with a plank of wood in what is understood to have been a row over a bunch of keys, said police.

He had chased a group of youngsters down the road to retrieve the keys before Harper viciously turned on him.

Police were called just before 1pm to Stanhope Road, Dagenham following reports of a fight.

Officers and paramedics found the

much loved family man suffering from severe injuries.

Mr Roberts was pronounced dead at the scene a short while later.

A post-mortem examination carried out at Queen's Hospital determined the cause of death as blunt force trauma to the head.

Mr Roberts, affectionately known by family and friends as Clem, was a lover of cricket, reggae, and spending time with his 14 grandchildren.

A 17-year-old boy and a 14-year-old girl, who were arrested on suspicion of murder, were later released with no further action.



VICIOUS: Ben Harper attacked a father

### Nursery rated 'good' by Ofsted inspectors

A LEYTONSTONE nursery has been rated "good" overall by Ofsted inspectors.

Busy Bees Day Nursery, in Whipps Cross Road, was given the rating in a report published on January 4.

Inspectors wrote that the manager had implemented an effective self-evaluation process and "seeks the views of others, such as parents, and acts on any advice to help improve children's out-

Children were described as making good progress and developing "the necessary

skills for their next steps in learning and for their move to school.

During their visit on December 13, inspectors discovered staff are accurately knowledgeable of children's differing abilities and plan "suitably challenging activities to support their good development.

Inspectors concluded: "Staff are caring and friendly, and form good relationships with children.'

The school was rated "good" following its previous inspection in 2013.

year."

To

**NEWS** 

Hospice

birthday

of providing specialist care with its #Team15 campaign to

encourage people to support care for life-limited children

and their families in Havering.

The Woodford Green hos-

pice's campaign proposes 15 ways in which the public can

help, including making a regu-

lar donation, completing a chal-

lenge, hosting a tea party, or volunteering at the hospice and

Challenges in 2018 include

bike rides, marathons, and fam-

ily fundraising events such as the East London Bubble Rush

on June 10 and Haven House's

15th Birthday Summer Fair on

July 1.

The hospice is also encourag-

ing businesses to sign up to its

Mission 365 challenge which aims to get 365 companies to raise £1,135 each that can pay

for one night's care for a child over the course of the year.

Mike Palfreman, chief executive of Haven House, said:

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### ...and school follows suit

A REDBRIDGE school has been rated "good" by Ofsted inspectors.

Academy, Harbourer Road, Ilford, was given the rating in a report published on January 9.

Inspectors wrote that senior leaders at the school had maintained a "good quality of edu-cation" since the previous

Inspectors acknowledged the school had worked hard to tackle areas of improvement from its previous inspection in 2013 when the school was rated "good".

During their recent visit on December 6, inspectors discovered pupils were "self-assured, polite and very willing to talk to inspectors.

They added: "They spoke

warmly about being part of this school community and the good support they receive from their teachers."

Lead inspector, Sarah Parker, noted variation in pupil progress was linked to differing expectations.

She said: "A key area for development is ensuring that teachers have consistently high

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### Fatal stab victim named

A WOMAN who died after being stabbed on an Ilford road last week has been named.

Elizabeta Lacatusu, 44, a Romanian national from Ilford, was pronounced dead 7.16pm Wednesday, January 3, in Norfolk Road.

She had suffered multiple stab wounds. Genu Armeanu, 45,

from Coleridge Avenue, East Ham, was arrested on the same day.

Police said he had been charged with murder on January 4.

He appeared at the Old Bailey Monday, January 8 where he was remanded in custody to appear for trial at the same court on June 18.

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# IRONS FAIL TO TAME SHREWS

### **Football**

Shrewsbury Town 0 West Ham United 0 **Emirates FA Cup Third Round** Brian Jeeves reporting from the New Meadow

WEST HAM UNITED face an FA Cup replay after withstanding a stiff examination from League One out-

fit Shrewsbury Town.

Boss David Moyes admitted his side were lucky to still be in the tie after promotion hopefuls, Town, dominated the game.

England goalkeeper Joe Hart kept his hometown at bay with a number of saves, while the Shrews passed up opportunities to spring a shock.
"Yes, Shrewsbury were better than

us today so I am pleased we are still in the cup," Moyes said after the match. "We said before the game, we tried to put out the most experienced team we could that we had available to us – and we did – and it meant that if there were to be any changes, then it would take it down a little bit.
"I don't think we hardly had any

attempts at all, one or two maybe but very few."

He praised Shrewsbury and the recalled Hart, adding: "First half he made a couple and I don't think anybody should be surprised though. Shrewsbury are doing very well in their league and had a lot of momentum themselves so I think it was always going to be a tough

"I don't think we showed any quality. The biggest thing for me is we didn't show enough steel



**RELIEVED: David Moyes** 

because when you come to these places you have to physically battle and compete and I don't think we did that at all. and that for me was the worst thing about it."
Paul Hurst's Shrewsbury have

established themselves as League One promotion candidates. With both momentum and a sell-out crowd behind them, they were determined to add another chapter

to a decent campaign.

Moyes fielded a strong line-up, with England goalkeeper Joe Hart returning to play against the club where he started his career, while Javier Hernandez started in attack alongside Andre Ayew.

There was almost an early break-through for the Hammers with Cheikhou Kouyate a whisker away from a telling contact with Josh Cullen's troublesome centre.



**HOMETOWN BOY: Joe Hart** 

Shrewsbury, neat and compact as they have been this term, looked for an opening with Shaun Whalley asking questions with an exquisite angled dead-ball which was scrambled to safety.

Clear chances were at a premium. Hart awkwardly smothered at the feet of Whalley, while Omar Beckles fired over as Town enjoyed

the better of the early exchanges.

West Ham had their feathers ruffled by their lower-league opponents. The busy Hart produced excellent saves from both Mat Sadler and Alex Rodman to keep his home-town club at bay.

Shrewsbury made life difficult for the Hammers after the break.

Declan Rice's intervention denied

Whalley a sight at goal. Rice again was the pick of the Hammers lineup, displaying composure beyond his years. The Hammers were dealt a blow late on when Winston Reid limped off. And they almost fell behind soon after when Jon Nolan swept over from close range after substitute Max Lowe fashioned the

opening from the right.

The game had everything traditionally good about the FA Cup, with Shrewsbury deserving a replay at the London Stadium on Tuesday, January 16.

The winners will travel to the winners of the AFC Bournemouth v Wigan Athletic tie, over the week-end of January 26-29 in round four. Hart said: "We knew what we

were coming into, we knew our preparation was limited and squad wise it was difficult. But Shrewsbury had their own problems coming into the game that they had to deal with as well."

West Ham United return to Premier League action on Saturday, January 13 when they travel to the

January 13 when they travel to the John Smith's Stadium to face Huddersfield Town (3pm). Shrewsbury Town: Dean Henderson, Ben Godfrey, Mat Sadler, Omar Beckles, Shaun Whalley (Arthur Gnahoua 87'), Abu Ogogo (Capt), Carlton Morris (Stefan Payne 82'), James Bolton, Jon Nolan, Aristote Nsiala, Alex Rodman (Max Lowe 75') Subs not used: Craig MacGillivray (GK), Louis Dodds, Lenell John-Lewis, Stefan Payne West Ham United: Joe Hart (Capt), Winston Reid (Domingos Quina 86'), Cheikhou Kouyate, Pedro Obiang, Javier Hernandez (Antonio Martinez 71'), Andre Ayew, Angelo Ogbonna, Arthur Masuaku, Reece Burke, Josh Cullen, Declan Rice Subs not used: Adrian, Sead Haksabanovic, Martin Samuelsen, Vashon Neufville, Moses Makasi Referee: Paul Tierney

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Assistants: Steve Child and Mark Scholes
Fourth official: Robert Madley
Attendance: 9,535 (1,541away).

### Non-league round-up

### **Daggers too** sharp for Pools

By Brian Jeeves
DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE beat fellow former Football League outfit Hartlepool United 4-2 in an exciting game at Victoria Road. Daniel Sparkes bagged a brace, while Michael Cheek and Fejiri Okenabirhie were also on target for the home side. Michael Woods hit a double of his own for the northeast side in front of a crowd of 1,290.

Braintree Town saw off Essex rivals East

Thurrock United 4-0 at Cressing Road. Reece Grant scored twice for the home side, while Luke Allen and Billy Cook ensured that the Iron kept in touch with National South leaders Dartford.

Concord Rangers extended their unbeaten run to 14 matches as the Darts were held to a 1-1 draw at the Aspect Arena. Skipper Steve Cawley gave the Beach Boys the lead before Ryan Hayes levelled for the visitors ten minutes after the break.

Kudus Oyenuga was on target late on for Chelmsford City but the Clarets slipped to defeat at St Albans City by the odd goal in three. Billericay Town extended their unbeat-en Bostik League Premier Division run to 21 after Adam Cunnington rescued a point with a late header against Margate at the AGP Arena. Ex-Southend United winger David Martin fired Margate ahead a minute before half-time, against the run of play.

Joe Christou scored the only goal as Thurrock won at Kingstonian, while Alex Read and a late Charles Edwards strike ensured Harlow Town a 2-1 win over Tooting & Mitcham United. Brightlingsea Regent grabbed a share of the points at Metropolitan Police, thanks to Aaron Condon's equaliser.

Bowers & Pitsea remain in the promotion Soham Town Rangers 4-0 at the Len Salmon Stadium. Fahad Nyanja scored twice for the home side, while John Easterford and Lewis Manor were also among the goals.

AFC Hornchurch stay top after a 2-0 Friday night victory over Aveley at Parkside. Matthias Fanimo and Theo Fairweather-Johnson scored the Urchins goals.

Jay Knight, Connor Hammond and Nick Reynolds hit Romford's goals in a 3-2 win over Brentwood Town at Ship Lane. Alfie Hilton and Andrew Freeman with Brentwood's consolation. Witham Town were 2-0 winners over Haringey Borough, with Chinedu Osadebe and Elliott Ronto finding the net. And there was a cracking 3-3 draw at the Aspen Waite Arena as Heybridge Swifts and Grays Athletic shared the spoils. Juan Luque, Ruel Sotiriou and Timothy Monsheju scored for the hosts. Jamie Slabber, Barry Hogan and a penalty from Kieran Bishop was the Grays' response.

Kiernan Hughes-Mason scored for Barking

at Mayesbrook Park, but the east Londoners slipped to a 2-1 defeat to visitors Hertford Town. It was a similar outcome at Park Lane, where Canvey Island were beaten by Mildenhall Town. Ryan Melaugh scoring from the spot for the Gulls

In the Essex Senior League, Barkingside thrashed Burnham Ramblers 5-1 at Leslie Field. Sawbridgeworth Town beat Sporting Bengal United 4-1, while Tower Hamlets saw off Enfield 1893 3-0.

Great Wakering Rovers and FC Romania picked up useful 2-0 wins on the road, Rovers over Hackney Wick at the Old Spotted Dog, while FCR beat Ilford at the Cricklefield Stadium. Waltham Forest extended their recent unbeaten run to six with a single-goal win over Clapton. Basildon United and West Essex played out a 1-1 draw. The games between Redbridge and Stansted, and Takeley and Wadham Lodge were postponed.

### Brown's 'despair' as Blues slide closer to danger

PHIL Brown's reaction was one of "despair" as he watched his Southend United side suffer a 3-1 defeat on the road to Northampton Town at Sixfields.

Jason Demetriou's penalty brought the Blues level after John-Joe O'Toole gave the home side the lead before goals from Matt Grimes and Alex Revell secured the win for the Cobblers.

After the game Brown told the club website what needs to change and about replacing Ryan Leonard and Nile Ranger.

He said: "My reaction is one of despair. It was a good game firsthalf, we were well involved in a battle which we expected it to be, but strange decisions and silly mistakes by our defenders have cost us in the second-half. We didn't clear our lines when we should have done and consequently, the first foul wasn't given but the second was a penalty and puts us on the back foot and you're fighting for your lives again.



PRESSURE: Phil Brown

"It wasn't just level pegging [in the first half], it was a good performance away from home.

"We played them at their own game, we battled against them, we went up in their faces.

"Within five minutes of the second half, we've given a stupid penalty away and we're getting pun-ished. Today we had a strong foothold in the game at half-time and Northampton were on the backfoot. Second half when they got

their noses in front they had something to hold onto, they slowed the game down and consequently, they got themselves a comfortable 3-1 victory in the end."

On arresting Blues' poor form he added: "At 2-1 it was still fairly tight. They had a great chance but we had a couple of good opportunities as well, we're just not riding our luck at the moment. We're not learning from our past mistakes, we're not learning how to win games, learning how to get something from the game.

"Pressure mounts, of course it does, the more you go without a win. If we go back to the way we played against Charlton at Roots Hall and revisit that as a collective, not as an individual, then we'll be

"I would say [to the fans] stick with it. There's plenty of time to go, plenty of games to go and the January transfer window is still open. With a bit of wheeling and

dealing and with the right kind of person, the right kind of mentality coming into the camp then it gets us out of this situation."

On replacing Leonard and Ranger he said: "I wouldn't have advocated sacking Nile Ranger if I thought I

was going to miss him.
"If you look at Nile's statistics, he scored 10 goals in 50 games – one in five as a striker. Yeah, Individual brilliance at times was something to be admired, but we were losing

games with Nile Ranger.
"If I can bring somebody in to replace Nile then all well and good.

'Ryan Leonard, is he replaceable? He has to be. I've got three or four central midfield players that I'm talking to and if we can bring them in as soon as we possibly can so we can address the Fleetwood game, the sooner the better for me.

Southend are next in Sky Bet League One action on Saturday, January 13 (3pm) when they travel to Fleetwood Town.